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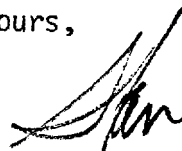
My belated thanks for your nice letter upon your retirement and, in addition, my sincere thanks for your tremendous support of our intelligence community over these recent years. I want to say what a great pleasure it has been for me to work with you and to have your unstinting support during these past two years, and to see the impact of your leadership on both Army and DIA intelligence.

You have clearly blazed a number of trails for us, most recently in the area of translating our national intelligence capabilities into useful products for the military commanders. I can think of few areas in which we will need your kind of inspiration and leadership more than this one in the future. Beyond that, I just in recent days was taking action to carry through one of your suggestions to me for an intelligence initiative with respect to a South American country. I think we may see that program come to fruition before long.

Let me, as Chairman of the National Foreign Intelligence Board, officially thank you for all of your contributions to our intelligence community. I know that all of the members of the Board join me in this and will regret not having you at our meetings in the future. They are grateful for your expression of friendship and appreciation in your letter.

I look forward to keeping in touch both officially and personally, and hope that we may call upon you from time to time when advice and counsel are needed. In the meantime, again many thanks and best wishes for the years ahead in your well-earned retirement.

Yours,



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